

# What does the Volunteer Fire Service look like during a pandemic?



August 26 @ 6:00 p.m.

## **WEBINAR OPPORTUNITY**

### **Volunteer and Combination Officer Committee Webinar series**

*This webinar will include a roundtable discussion with a panel of fire service leaders from Illinois and nation. We will be discussing education and training challenges, as well as best practices during a pandemic, recruitment and retention, leadership, government relations, and behavioral health of our volunteers.*

### **Panelist**

#### **Chief John Buckman (ret)**

Chief Buckman has served as a volunteer firefighter for 45 years, fire chief for 35 years, and association leader for more than 30 years. He is a past president of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC). He co-founded and served as chair of the Volunteer and Combination Officers Section of the IAFC from 1988 to 1996. Co-founder of the National Fire Academy Alumni Association, where he served as secretary-treasurer from 1998 through 2014. Served as the Chief of the Indiana Firefighter Academy System. He has authored more than 150 articles in various fire service journals, co-authored the 3rd Edition of Recruiting, Training and Maintaining Volunteer Fire Fighters, Lessons Learned from Fire Service Leaders, and is the editor of the Chief Officers Desk Reference. Presented in all 50 states and each province in Canada."

#### **Chief Pat Kenny**

Chief Kenny is currently the Fire Chief at Western Springs Fire Department. Chief Kenny has been in the fire service for 38 years. A current recipient of Chief Officer Designation by the International Fire Chiefs' Association. Published articles in the areas of leadership, fire safety, mental health and fire code challenges and was a contributing author to the Book, "Pass it On". A contributing author to the International Association of Fire Chief (IAFC) Yellow Ribbon Report: *UNDER THE HELMET - Performing an Internal Size-Up*. Chief Kenny is a member of the Illinois VCOC Committee and is also a member of the Volunteer and Combination Officer Section of the IAFC

#### **Chief Ed Rush**

Chief Rush has over 44 years in the fire service, both career and volunteer. He recently retired as career Chief of the Hartsdale (NY) Fire Department and has previously served as Chief of the Elmsford (NY) Volunteer Fire Department. Ed serves on the Board of Directors the Volunteer and Combination Officers Section of the IAFC, a member of the Government Affairs Committee of the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, and is a peer support counselor with the Westchester/Putnam Peer Support Team. In addition, Ed has 20 years' experience as an elected official, currently serving as the Deputy Mayor on the Board of Trustees in the Village of Elmsford.

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